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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
FOR WEEK ENDING 26-Apr-03 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	04/26/03	04/19/03
BRO-FRY	156,172	152,643
LT HENS	2,050	1,908
HVY HENS	1,285	1,271

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA  
WEEK ENDING 19-Apr-03 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	192	0	192
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	281	8	289
SAME WEEK YR AGO	129	0	129
TO-DATE/2003	4,695	61	4,756
TO-DATE/2002	5,133	20	5,153

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

**TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,943	1,235	3,178
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	2,236	1,229	3,465
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,039	1,417	3,456
TO-DATE/2003	31,585	21,306	52,891
TO-DATE/2002	34,272	20,785	55,057

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
WEEK ENDING 19-Apr-03 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	144,469	1,751	1,235	2,986
AVG WT	5.31	3.45	8.11	5.38
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS				
LAST WEEK	152,185	1,955	1,221	3,176
SAME WK YR AGO	158,640	1,910	1,417	3,327
AVG WT	5.16	3.39	7.95	5.33
TO-DATE/2003	2,387,548	26,890	21,245	48,135
TO-DATE/2002	2,445,523	29,139	20,765	49,904

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 154.5 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 146.2 million head or 8.3 million head less than or 100% of estimated fryers available.

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,  
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING April 12, 2003**

(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE	(B) RETAIL	(C) DEBONING
4.20 LBS & DOWN	4.21-5.25 LBS	5.26 LBS & UP
-----THOUSANDS-----		

Head	23,134	29,678	38,638
Avg Weight	3.89	4.72	6.18
% of total /1	25%	32%	44%

COMPARISONS

Last week	23,614	25,770	39,318
Avg Weight	3.86	4.80	6.20
% of total /1	27%	29%	44%

Same week, yr ago /2	28,321	21,086	45,807
Avg Weight	3.80	4.84	6.07
% of total /1	30%	22%	48%

To date/2003	359,164	337,938	632,776
To date/2002	453,282	348,868	701,507

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 19-Apr-2003  
(THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,778	2,644	77	9	4,508
AVG WT	16.18	37.07	27.80	32.09	28.66
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS					
LAST WEEK	1,978	2,909	71	9	4,967
SAME WK YR AGO	1,936	2,688	80	2	4,706
AVG WT	16.21	35.85	24.06	39.32	27.57
TO-DATE/2003	27,217	42,296	931	251	70,695
TO-DATE/2002	28,101	41,514	663	114	70,392

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.  
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